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Folk celebrations and komi folklore

In different places in Komi, several folk festivals are held every year. Some of them are an older tradition, neglected during the Soviet period and restored at the end of the 20th century, organized in the same way as earlier times. Some have a specific profile and/or celebrations with obvious regional socio-economic specificities, such as e.g. reindeer herder or hunter days. The specifics of others lie in something else, e.g. branding some local folk parties, has also been used place-making. Briefly introducing the komi festival scene, I look at in the presentation, whether and to what extent komi folklore has been used for creating an image of folk celebrations.



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Bulgarian festive March: christianity and paganism, culture and nature

March is a unique month in Bulgaria regarding the abundance of rituals, feasts and folklore allusions. The major motifs of the festivity will be under analysis: wakening of the nature and the Christian Orthodox notions, purity and fires, gender aspects, etc. A special attention is paid to the ritual numeral model of the celebration of the 40 Martyrs of Sebastia (March, 9).